KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Boy Scouts buy historic cabin

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A historic log cabin that served as the admissions office at Kentucky Country Day School has been sold to the Boy Scouts and moved to Shelbyville.

The cabin, which originally was built near Carrollton in the early 1800s, was taken apart last month. Pieces were photographed and labeled so it can be reassembled starting this week at the Harry S. Frazier Jr. Scout Reservation.

"It will be a nice focal point," said Barry Oxley, Scout executive and chief executive for the Lincoln Heritage Council Boy Scouts of America.

He said the cabin will serve as a training center for adult leaders. It also might become the main headquarters office for the camp. A walk-out basement will be added to it, and the upstairs will be used for receptions and special activities, Oxley said.

Oxley declined to say how much the Boy Scouts paid Kentucky Country Day for the cabin, but he said they got a bargain. He said he learned it was available in late April from a Kentucky Country Day board member who is a former Boy Scout.

"We had to move really quickly," Oxley said, adding that it is costing the Boy Scouts about $50,000 to move and reassemble the cabin.

The cabin was removed from the school's campus to make way for a new 25,000-square-foot fine arts center. Groundbreaking was held on that project on May 26.

The school added the cabin to its campus in 1999. It served as an admissions office and visitor center near the front entrance. The school paid a specialist in historic home reconstruction to put it together.

It took two weeks and three work crews to take it down. Now it is in pieces on two flatbed trucks and is expected to be assembled in early July, Oxley said.

Oxley said 5,000 Boy Scouts visit the 1,100-acre camp that will house the cabin each summer and that other groups also visit. He said the cabin will get a prominent location.

"It's just an awesome-looking building."

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CLIFTON HEIGHTS

Farmers market coming

The Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center in Clifton Heights will open a farmers market Wednesday, June 10.

The market will operate from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Oct. 21 in the courtyard at the center, 1860 Mellwood Ave. It will feature locally grown produce, fresh plants, herbs, flowers and other homemade items.

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DOUGLASS HILLS

Step of faith

Family will raffle home to help bring clean water to needy

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Bowin and Lindsey Tichenor sat with their children, Gus, 4, Greta, 6, and Jasper, 8. The couple hopes to sell up to 10,000 tickets at $50 apiece for a chance to win their four-bedroom house at 503 Cherry Point Drive.

HOW TO HELP

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at www.edgeoutreach.com/raffleshouse or by check made out to "Edge Outreach Raffle House" and sent to 1500 Arlington Ave., 40206. Tickets are $50 and the raffle is July 17.

Douglass Hills residents Bowin and Lindsey Tichenor say they've been called to serve the people of the developing world by helping them get clean drinking water, so they're moving — with their three young children — to the Dominican Republic this summer.

And they're raffling their house to help pay for the work.

"We just had a feeling, this is what we're supposed to do," Bowin Tichenor said.

The couple hopes to sell up to 10,000 tickets at $50 apiece for a chance to win their 2,136-square-foot, four-bedroom house at 503 Cherry Point Drive.

Edge Outreach, a local Christian nonprofit organization, is overseeing the raffle. Edge, which is based on Arlington Avenue in the Clifton area, sends volunteers to poor countries to work on clean-water projects, among other things.

The house is assessed for tax purposes at $224,480, according to the Jefferson County Property Value Administration. Edge will pay the Tichenors the "fair market value" of their house, Bowin Tichenor said, and use the remaining money for its work in the Dominican Republic.

So if the 10,000-ticket goal is reached, the raffle would net about $275,000 for the Tichenors' work in the Dominican Republic. If only 5,000 tickets are sold, the raffle would still net about $25,000.

But Bob Browning, operations director for Edge, said the house might be valued close to $250,000 after a professional appraisal is done, so the raffle could end up only breaking even at 5,000 tickets. In that case, he said, the Tichenors would still be "free to go into ministry without the burden of that (mortgage) debt."

The Tichenors, both 32, had hoped to sell enough tickets to raffle the property on Friday, June 19, but they have extended the deadline to July 17. At least 5,000 tickets must be sold under the terms of the deal, or instead the prize will be $10,000, with the remaining money to be used for ministry work.

Bowin Tichenor, who owns a Web and graphic design company, said he has been on nine trips coordinated by the group in the last three years, including a trip to Haiti for which he left June 9.

The Tichenors have committed to at least two years in the country, but it will probably be three years or longer, they said.

Bowin Tichenor said he wants to set up a center in Santo Domingo, the capital city, that would teach people how to fix pumps for wells and build small water-treatment plants, so the work could be multiplied and continue even after the Tichenors come home.

Lindsey Tichenor, who sells Arbonne health and beauty products, said she wasn't immediately sold on the idea of uprooting the family from their home of five years.

"I didn't think much of it when he (Bowin) first mentioned it," the La Grange native said.

Neither did their children — Jasper, 8; Greta, 6; and Gus, 4 — until they visited in January and made a friend to play with, Lindsey Tichenor said.

The Tichenors, who also are active at Southeast Christian Church, don't know where they will live in Santo Domingo. They hope to figure that out on a trip next month. Whatever house they find probably will not have an air conditioner or a dryer, they said.

The money raised from the house raffle will go exclusively to the water work, so living expenses will be largely up to the Tichenors.

And then there's another challenge: the language barrier. Asked if they speak Spanish, Lindsey replied, "Un poco (a little).

"We're working on it."

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